

(g) *Artillery Support.*

The artillery support was sadly lacking in one extremely important respect, in counter-battery work. There was practically no effect of our artillery on enemy batteries, and the Boche artillery was left practically free, and he made good use of his freedom.

The fault lies not so much with our artillery, as with our lack of air service. While the fire of the German artillerists was at all times observed and corrected from the air, we seemed to be entirely without aerial observation. The result was that our counter-artillery guns had no targets assigned to them, except when they were directed from regimental headquarters on information obtained within the regiment. The fire on the targets so designated was very effective. With this exception the work of our artillery was excellent. The preparation for the attack, though brief, was accurate and effective.

(h) *Terrain.*

The terrain of the action was difficult. Three general classes of terrain were to be found in the field of operations; woods, with thick underbrush, and full of barbed wire; marsh, very wet and boggy, in which one sunk in some places almost up to the waist; and open ground presenting little in the way of natural obstacle, but much in the way of artificial obstacle, shell craters and wire entanglement. The Germans,